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## **1 ARTICLE 6 OF THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES**

### **1.1 Text of Article 6**

#### **Article 6**

##### *Transparency*

1. Members reaffirm, with respect to TRIMs, their commitment to obligations on transparency and notification in Article X of GATT 1994, in the undertaking on "Notification" contained in the Understanding Regarding Notification, Consultation, Dispute Settlement and Surveillance adopted on 28 November 1979 and in the Ministerial Decision on Notification Procedures adopted on 15 April 1994.

2. Each Member shall notify the Secretariat of the publications in which TRIMs may be found, including those applied by regional and local governments and authorities within their territories.

3. Each Member shall accord sympathetic consideration to requests for information, and afford adequate opportunity for consultation, on any matter arising from this Agreement raised by another Member. In conformity with Article X of GATT 1994 no Member is required to disclose information the disclosure of which would impede law enforcement or otherwise be contrary to the public interest or would prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of particular enterprises, public or private.

### **1.2 Article 6.2: Notification of publications**

1. At its meetings of 30 September 1996 and 1 November 1996, the Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs Committee) adopted a Decision regarding the procedure for Members to provide the Secretariat with the name(s) of publication(s) in which trade-related investment measures (TRIMs) may be found (where such publications exist) including those applied by regional and local governments and authorities within their territories, and the addresses from which copies can be obtained.<sup>1</sup>

2. As agreed by the TRIMs Committee at its meeting on 20 May 2009, the Secretariat circulates reminders containing guidance regarding the requirements of Article 6.2 and its related Decision.<sup>2</sup> The reminders also request that all Members that have never notified such publications to do so without delay and that all Members that have previously notified to constantly update their notifications, if appropriate, without delay.<sup>3</sup>

3. The Secretariat consolidates all notifications received under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs Agreement) in a single document.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [G/TRIMS/M/5](#), section B. The text of the decision can be found in [G/TRIMS/5](#).

<sup>2</sup> [G/TRIMS/M/28](#), paras. 18-21.

<sup>3</sup> The reminders for 2021 were circulated in documents [G/TRIMS/W/169](#) and [170](#).

<sup>4</sup> The latest updated list of notifications was circulated in document [G/TRIMS/N/2/Rev.31](#). More detailed information about notifications under the TRIMs Agreement can be found in the Handbook on Notification Requirements at: <[https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/invest\\_e/trims\\_notification\\_handbook\\_e.pdf](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/invest_e/trims_notification_handbook_e.pdf)>.